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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
State Certification of USF in Rural Areas

Dear Mses. Dortch and Flannery:

This letter is submitted pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314(a), which requires annual state certification of the use of federal universal service funds as a prerequisite for continued receipt of funding by rural carriers. The Regulatory Commission of Alaska governs local services and rates in Alaska and is the appropriate authority to issue the certification required under Section 54.314(a).

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, all federal high cost support to be received in 2006 by economically regulated rural eligible telecommunications carriers in Alaska (see table below) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act.

We economically regulate Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc (ASTAC), but only for its Barrow exchange. Our agency does not economically regulate ASTAC's other exchanges, Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Circle Telephone, Cordova Telephone, Ketchikan Public Utilities, and Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative. Our certification does not cover non-regulated wireline service areas and each carrier is responsible for self-certifying its compliance with Section 54.314(b) for such areas.

ETCs subject to annual certification under 47 CFR 54.314(a)	Service Area Description or NECA Code (as reported by ETC)	ETC Type
ACS of Alaska, Inc.	Greatland, Juneau	ILEC
ACS of Fairbanks, Inc.	Fairbanks	ILEC
ACS of the Northland, Inc.	Sitka, Glacier State	ILEC
ACS Wireless, Inc.	Alaska	Wireless
Adak Telephone Utility	To Be Assigned	ILEC
Alaska DigiTel, LLC	MTA Service Area	Wireless
Alaska Telephone Company	613017, 613017 (Old GTE exchanges)	ILEC
Arctic Slope Telephone Assn Cooperative, Inc.	613001 (Barrow exchange only)	ILEC
Bettles Telephone, Inc.	613002	ILEC
Bush-Tell, Inc.	613004	ILEC
Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613006	ILEC
GCI Communications Corp.	613008, 613022, 613012	CLEC
Interior Telephone Company, Inc.	613011	ILEC
Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.	613015	ILEC
MTA Communications	619003	Wireless
Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc.	613016	ILEC
North Country Telephone, Inc.	613026	ILEC
OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	613019	ILEC
Summit Telephone and Telegraph Company of Alaska, Inc.	613028	ILEC
United Utilities, Inc.	613023	ILEC
United-KUC, Inc.	613023	ILEC
Yukon Telephone Company	613025	ILEC

We have included Alaska DigiTel, LLC, ACS Wireless, Inc., and MTA Communications, Inc., non-regulated wireless carriers, on our list of carriers. We have done so as we directed the companies to file annual certifications with us concerning their use of funds and we plan to regularly review their responses in this area. Alaska DigiTel, LLC, ACS Wireless, Inc., and MTA Communications, Inc. should be filing individual certifications with the FCC concerning the use of funds by a non-regulated entity.

Our certification does not preclude us from reviewing in further detail how any carrier has employed its federal universal service funds and ordering that use of funds comply with our directives or policies. Our decision does not bind us in future or pending rate cases and we reserve the right to conclude that a company should employ its universal service funding differently than it does today or in the future in light of better data or a more detailed review.

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

/s/

Kate Giard
Chairman